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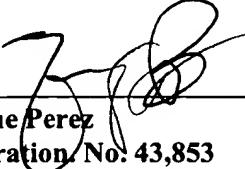
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified new patent application:
 - Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
 - Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 Form
 - Copies of Supplemental IDS Citations for 09/728,833
 - Return Receipt Postcard
2. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES:** Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 herein-above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this July 15, 2002.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. The copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular,

no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have an effective date early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

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